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REMARKS

In the March 25, 2008 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 contending that the inventions identified by the Groups I - VI below are patentably distinct one from another.

- I. Claims 1-12 are drawn to a composition of matter for delivering and/or affixing a stem cell to a target tissue, comprising a first and a second moiety, classified in Class 530, subclass 387.1.
- II. Claim 17 is drawn to a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide for delivering, classified in Class 536, subclass 23.5.
- III. Claim 24 is drawn to a method of producing a polypeptide useful for delivering, classified in Class 530, subclass 350.
- IV. Claims 25 is drawn to an article of manufacture for delivering, comprising solid substrate classified in Class 530, subclass 350.
- V. Claims 46, 62 and 65 are drawn to a method for delivering and/or affixing a stem cell, classified in Class 424, subclasses 136.1 and 577.
- VI. Claim 89 is drawn to a composition of matter for delivering and/or affixing a stem cell to a target tissue, comprising a stem cell, classified in class 435, subclass 372.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I, i.e. claims drawn to a composition of matter for delivering and/or affixing a stem cell to a target tissue, comprising a first

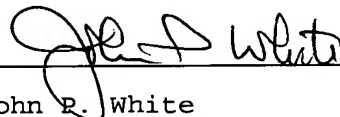
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and a second moiety. Applicants maintain that the claims which encompass the elected invention of Group I are claims 1-12.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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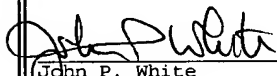
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